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## **BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS**

### **Minutes of the Regular Board of Police Commissioners Meeting Thursday, May 8, 2008**

#### **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

The forum of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners was held on Thursday, May 8, 2008, at 6:30 p.m., at Rosedale Park Community House, 18445 Scarsdale, Detroit, Michigan 48223.

#### **ATTENDANCE**

##### **Board Members Present**

Erminia Ramirez **(ABS)**  
Jim Holley **(ABS)**  
Mohamed Okdie **(ABS)**  
Willie Hampton  
Ronald L. Griffin

Cmdr. Gail Wilson-Turner  
Lt. Charles Wilson  
Lt. Linda Vertin-Peltier  
Sgt. Ramon Valdez

##### **Department Personnel Present**

DC Shereece Fleming-Freeman  
DC Leon Moore  
DC Joyce Motley  
DC Chester Logan  
DC Claudia Barden-Jackson  
DC Leo Powers  
2<sup>nd</sup> DC James Tate  
2<sup>nd</sup> DC John Clark  
Cmdr. Duane Mckissic  
Cmdr. Frankie Lewis  
Cmdr. Dwayne Love  
Cmdr. Paul Wells  
Cmdr. Debra Fair  
Cmdr. Troy Quinn  
Cmdr. Joseph White  
Cmdr. Benjamin Lee  
Cmdr. Eric Ewing  
Cmdr. Brian Stair  
Cmdr. Debra Fair  
Lt. Dale Greenleaf  
Sgt. Dwight Snodgrass  
Sgt. Paul Jones

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Sgt. Roben Johnson  
PO Myra Gracey  
PO Sean Wilson  
PO Aaron Rose  
PO Hillard Gray  
PO Tondalaya Wilson  
PO Prentis Mercer  
PO Kenneth Crawford

Sgt. Richard Herold  
PO Gregory Matthews  
PO Sophia Nelms  
PO Timothy Cox  
PO Joseph Castro  
PO Brian Russell  
PO Michael Reizn  
PO Robert Terhune

**Board Staff Present**

Dante' L. Goss, Executive Director  
Lawana Ducker, Personnel Director  
Arnold Sheard, Chief Investigator  
Leslie J. Griffin, Community Affairs Coordinator  
P.O. Kent Cooper

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Finese Robert  
Aretha Walker  
Betty Reddit  
Yolanda Joiner  
Celia Weidendorf  
Jennifer Gruss  
Carol Thomas  
Anita Vogel  
Leslie Martin  
Gabe Leland  
Lynette Roberts  
Shenell Jackson  
Rosa Mark

Thomas Wilson  
ILka Lapeer  
Edith Lee-Payne  
Charles Weidendorf  
Linda Gruss  
Monte Tinker  
Dorothy Cunningham  
Ray Martin  
Katrina Clark  
Stephanie Wilson  
Nancy Beatright  
William Calhoun

**RECORDERS**

Terence Bell  
Robert Brown

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

**Comm. Hampton** called the meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners to order at 6:55 p.m.

**Comm. Griffin** read the duties and responsibilities of the Commissioners.

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The Agenda for May 8, 2008, was not presented given the lack of a quorum.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Minutes for May 1, 2008, were not presented because of the lack of a quorum.

4. **BOPC OFFICER'S REPORT**

**1. CHAIRPERSON**

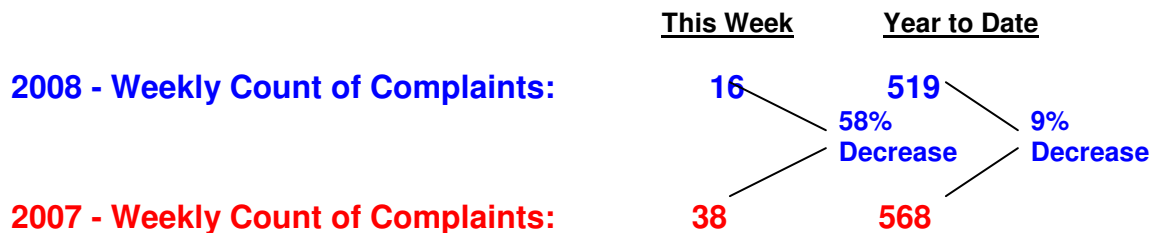
**Comm. Hampton** asked DC Fleming-Freeman if she could give an update regarding the meeting that was held with AC Godbee and the towing companies.

**DC Fleming-Freeman** stated she didn't have an update but will have it at the next Board meeting.

**Comm. Hampton** announced that the Board of Police Commissioner's Community Fun Day will be held June 21, 2008, at Southwestern District's Patton Memorial Park from 11:00 am - 3:00 pm. The Board's Town Hall meeting will also be in the Southwestern District. The theme will be "Involving Citizens in Policing in conjunction with the Detroit Police Department". The Town Hall meeting will take place on Thursday, June 12, 2008, at 6:30 pm, and the location is forthcoming.

## 2. SECRETARY'S REPORT

### CITIZEN COMPLAINTS RECEIVED



- The Office of the Chief Investigator has a total of 1,188 active investigations, of which 443 of those are for 2008

### TOTAL WEEKLY ALLEGATIONS & COMMAND

Total	COMMAND	ALLEGATIONS									Total
CCR	W/E 05/08/08	Arrest	Demeanor	Force	Harassment	Entry	Procedure	Property	Search	Service	Allegations
4	EASTERN		3		1						4
1	HOMICIDE		1				1				2
4	NORTHEASTERN		2	1			1				4
1	SOUTHWESTERN							1			1
3	Unknown Command		2				1			1	4
3	WESTERN	1	2	1	1		2				7
16		1	10	2	2		5	1		1	22


## 5. PRESENTATION/REPORT-CHIEF OF POLICE

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# Detroit Police Department

## Report to the Board of Police Commissioners



**Special Points of Interest:**

- Next meeting:  
Thursday, May 15, 2008  
@ 3:00 P.M.

**Detroit Police Department**  
**1300 Beaubien St.**  
**Detroit, Michigan 48226**

**“Building a Safer Detroit Through Community Partnerships”**

*The Detroit Police Department is committed to uphold its mission to provide a safe environment for our residents and businesses. This effort is not possible without the joint commitment of the community and the Police Department. We appreciate and value the role our citizens have played in helping us to take the guns and drugs off the streets of the city of Detroit.*

### SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS

#### Narcotics/Gang Enforcement

During the period of April 28, 2008 through May 4, 2008, **Narcotics/Gang Enforcement executed 71 search warrants and 54 street enforcement actions** within the boundaries of the city of Detroit resulting in the following arrests and confiscations:

- 59 Felony arrests
- 195 Misdemeanor arrests
- 9 Juveniles

**Confiscated:**

- 367.80 grams of cocaine, 50.3 grams of heroin, 9,857.90 grams of marijuana and 1,768 pills, with a total street value of \$294,771.60
- **\$ 47,164.00** in U.S. Currency
- 33 Handguns

#### Domestic Violence

On May 1st, officers of the Western District responded to the 1000 block of Seward on a “Person with a Weapon.” Shortly after arrival, the officers arrested a subject upon witnessing the subject attempt to strike the complainant in the head with a shovel. *The subsequent investigation conducted by members of Domestic Violence resulted in the subject being charged with “Felonious Assault” and “Domestic Violence.”*

**Engaging the Community**

**ATTENTION**

Citizens wishing to make a police report may do so at the District stations in the city of Detroit. Citizens may also utilize the following District Sub-Stations to make reports.

		<u>Location</u>	<u>Hours of Operation</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
Narcotics/Gang Enforcement	1			
Domestic Violence	1			
Northwestern District	2			
Central District	2			
Eastern District	2			
Southwestern District	2			
Northwestern District	2			

	2151 E. Jefferson	24 Hours	596-6400
	7737 Kercheval	7 a.m. to 3 p.m.	628-2121
	19810 Grand River	10 a.m. to 3 p.m.	935-5322
	13530 Lesure	8 a.m. to 11 p.m.	596-5300
	12000 Livernois	24 Hours	237-2555

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### Northwestern District

On May 1st, officers of the Northwestern District responded to the 20000 block of West Chicago on "Landlord Tenant Trouble." *Due to the officers investigation, a subject was arrested and charged with "Felonious Assault," and "Felony Firearm," and an assault rifle was confiscated.*



### Central District

On May 1st, officers of the Central District responded to the 200 block of Chandler on a "Breaking & Entering" just happened. Upon their arrival, officers observed a subject in possession of a handgun. *Due to the officers quick actions, the handgun was confiscated. The subject was arrested and charged with "Carrying a Concealed Weapon."*

### Eastern District

On May 1st, officers of the Eastern District responded to the 12000 block of Grover on a "Breaking & Entering of a Vacant School." Upon arrival, the responding officers witnesses a subject attempt to flee on foot carrying a large bag that was marked "Property of Detroit Public Schools." *The subject was quickly apprehended, arrested and charged with "Breaking & Entering of a Building." The property was recovered.*



### Southwestern District

On April 29th, officers of the Southwestern District responded to the 4000 block of Scotten on "Repossession Man Being Shot At." *As a result of the officers' investigation, a suspect was apprehended and charged with two counts of "Armed Robbery," two counts of "Assault with Intent to do Great Bodily Harm," two counts of "Felony Firearm," and Habitual 4th."*



### Northeastern District

On April 29th, officers of the Northeastern District responded to the area of Mack and McDougall on a "Vehicular Accident/Robbery." Upon further investigation, officers arrested a subject responsible for assaulting and robbing the driver. The subject was charged with "Armed Robbery."



**DC Fleming-Freeman** introduced all the executive staff and stated that DC Moore will introduce his staff before giving his presentation on the Northwestern District. She stated there would also be a presentation from the Narcotic's unit.

**DC Moore** introduced his staff and gave an overview of the Northwestern District; its units and endeavors. Such endeavors included Operation Round-up, Operation Fresh Start, Breaking and Entering (B&E) Task Force, Michigan Prison Re-entry Initiative (MPRI), and Project Safe Neighborhood.

He introduced Pastor Roy Isaac, who spoke on the MPRI Program.

**Rev. R. Isaac** stated through the efforts of DC Moore and his staff, the Radio Patrol unit has become more efficient. They have a base station located at Bushnell Congregational Church that they want to expand district-wide. It is their intent to reduce all crimes in the Northwestern District by 50% the first year and they need everyone's help to make this happen.

**Comm. Griffin** stated a year ago, he had the opportunity to work with Officer Gracey regarding the MPRI. If she can come back to the Rose of Sharon COGIC, they will continue to support this program.

**DC Moore** stated Officer Gracey is the person who spends 5 hours at the MPRI and through her efforts, they have received donations from other agencies as well.

**Comm. Hampton** encouraged everyone in the Northwestern District to get involved.

**DC Fleming-Freeman** introduced Cmdr. Ewing of the Organized Crime Unit.

**Cmdr. Ewing** introduced Sgt. Johnson who gave an overview of the Narcotics Unit.

**Comm. Hampton** stated the street value of narcotics has had a substantial decrease; does that mean you are making progress.

**Sgt. Johnson** stated yes sir, even though sometimes the street value may not show a reflection.

**Comm. Hampton** asked what can the community do, and how can they get more involved.

**Sgt. Johnson** stated they can continue calling 224-DOPE and giving tips.

**Comm. Hampton** asked Sgt. Johnson to give an overview of what the citizens need to do when they call 224-DOPE.

**Sgt. Johnson** stated they need to give the address, the color of the house, state if it has bars on the doors and windows, dogs, what race the traffic is, provide descriptions of the perpetrators, time of the activity, and that will help them to secure a warrant.

**Comm. Griffin** asked is there any authority being put in place to go after the home.

**Sgt. Johnson** stated yes, they are working with the Wayne County Prosecutor's office so that any home that has been raided two or more times will warrant a request for a forfeiture proceeding.

**Comm. Griffin** stated most of the individuals that own those homes don't stay in the City of Detroit.

**Cmdr. Ewing** stated please keep in mind that it is the prosecutor's office that will determine what will happen to these homes.

**Comm. Hampton** asked how can an organization learn more about the Narcotics Unit.

**Cmdr. Ewing** stated they can call 313 596-2341 and schedule a training date with Sgt. Johnson.

**Comm. Griffin** asked Rev. Isaac if keeping a look-out for dope houses will fall under the Radio Patrol.

**Rev. Isaac** stated yes.

## **6. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

There were no committee reports.



## 7. NEW BUSINESS

### 1. **GRANT: REQUEST PERMISSION TO ACCEPT GRANT FUNDING FOR OVERTIME FROM THE SOUTHWEST DETROIT BUSINESS ASSOCIATION**

The Southwest Detroit Business Association (SDBA) applied for and recently received a grant award from the Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC). Within this grant award (41599-0035), the Detroit Police Department's Southwestern District was allocated **\$39, 400.00, with no cash match.**

The purpose of this grant is to support the SDBA in its efforts to improve public safety by increasing Detroit Police Department (DPD/Department) personnel in the specified areas in Southwest Detroit. Specifically, the funds will pay police officers' overtime to address the increase of robberies and reported shootings in the area.

The crime enforcement strategies that will be implemented to achieve the desired objectives will be based primarily on crime analysis data gathered by Department personnel. The strategies derived will be flexible, agile and fluid to insure that emerging crime trends and patterns are appropriately addressed. The primary methods which will be utilized include increasing visibility and applying direct police enforcement action to specified areas. Personnel assigned to this operation will take enforcement action on illegal narcotic activity and the removal of dangerous weapons and wanted persons identified in those areas. The community component of the plan will address quality of life issues (environmental) and vigorous enforcement of all traffic violations and ordinances such as loiterers, juvenile offenses (curfew violations and Minor Unlawfully in a Public Place (MUIPP)), abandoned vehicles, prostitution, etc. The enforcement of quality of life infractions will contribute to a reduction in shootings and robberies.

The SDBA will serve as the fiduciary and reimburse the Department for all incurred overtime resulting from this initiative. In the event that approval is granted to accept this award, Southwestern District Deputy Chief Claudia Barden-Jackson would serve as the project director. The appropriation number for this grant, which will end on December 31, 2008, is 12676.

I am requesting the Board's permission to accept this funding and seek approval of the Honorable Detroit City Council.

The adoption of the Grant was reserved because of the lack of a quorum.

**2. GRANT: REQUEST PERMISSION TO ACCEPT AN INCREASE IN THE FISCAL YEAR 2007 EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG)**

The Department of Justice (DOJ) awarded the Wayne County Sheriff's Office the 2007 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG). The Detroit Police Department (Department) and the Wayne County Sheriff's Office have actively operated the J.A.G. Program for the last two years. The Wayne County Sheriff's Office serves as the grant's fiscal agent. The award number is 2007-DJ-BX-0751, and as a result of the award, the Department will receive **\$1,645,502.00, with no cash match.**

The grant is currently in the Fiscal Year 2007/2008 Budget for \$1,300,000.00 (Appropriation # 12349 - Cost Center 372405). Fortunately, for the Department, the award was increased by **\$345,502.00**. With this funding, the Department will purchase mobile data computers, automatic license plate recognition readers, and video cameras for police vehicles. Deputy Chief Leo Powers, of the Technical Services Bureau, will continue to serve as the Project Director.

I am requesting the Board's permission to accept this award increase and will seek approval from the Detroit City Council.

The adoption of the Grant was reserved because of the lack of a quorum.

**3. RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS** Mrs. Laverne Samuels was born in St. Louis, Missouri and moved to the City of Detroit in 1950; she has resided in the Northwestern District for the past 32 years. Widowed in 1975, Mrs. Samuels has four (4) children, three (3) grandchildren and two (2) great grandchildren; and

**WHEREAS** Mrs. Samuels worked in the Psychiatric Nursing Department of the Northville State Hospital for ten (10) years, and served as a Mailroom Supervisor for the United States Postal Services for several years. Affectionately known as "Auntie", Mrs. Samuels has been a lifelong adult homecare giver, who has committed herself to assisting and supporting others; and

**WHEREAS** Mrs. Samuels has been an active member of the Northwestern District Community Relations Organization. In this role, she diligently serves as "Membership Recruiter" and promotes the benefits of joining neighborhood watch groups. Her participation in several community and city-wide events including the Motor City Makeover, Anti-Crime Walks, National Night Out, National Police Week festivities, Halloween Task Force and the Annual Police Officer's Appreciation Luncheon have made her indispensable to the Northwestern community and to the City of Detroit; and

**WHEREAS** Ms. Samuels has been a devoted and faithful member of Detroit's own Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church under the spiritual leadership of Senior Pastor Nathan Johnson. Her faith-based missions include soup kitchen volunteerism, assisting the homeless and women and children ministries.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED** That the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners, speaking for the citizens of the City of Detroit and the Detroit Police Department, acknowledges the dedication, generosity and selfless service of Mrs. LaVerne Samuels. Her exemplary and giving spirit in improving the quality of life for all citizens in her community and throughout the entire City of Detroit merits our highest regards.

We salute and congratulate you, Mrs. Laverne Samuels.

**DETROIT BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS**

/s/ Erminia Ramirez  
Chairperson

/s/ Jim Holley  
Vice-Chairperson

/s/ Mohamed Okdie  
Commissioner

/s/ Willie Hampton Commissioner	<b>ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS May 8, 2008</b>	/s/ Rev. Ronald L. Griffin Commissioner
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**DC Fleming-Freeman** presented Ms. Samuels with the Certificate of Recognition from the police department.

**Cmdr. Lewis** presented her with the Spirit of Detroit Award on behalf of Detroit City Council.

**L. Samuels** thanked everyone for recognizing her with these awards.

The adoption of the Resolution was reserved because of the lack of a quorum.

**Comm. Hampton** acknowledged the presence of State of Michigan Representatives Shenell Jackson and Gabe Leland.

## 8. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

## 9. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday, May 15, 2008, @ 3:00 p.m.  
Police Headquarters  
1300 Beaubien Rm. 328-A  
Detroit, MI 48226

## 10. ORAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE

**Cmdr. Mckissic** stated there will be a Crime Prevention Seminar that will take place May 24, 2008 at Renaissance High School from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.

**L. Roberts** stated that a Detroit Police Department (DPD) Apprehension Team came to her home looking for her mother. She left her home about 20 minutes after they did. Upon returning home, she noticed that her glass patio table had been broken. After going to a few neighbor houses, one of them stated that she saw the police back there after she had left. She wanted to know who she needs to speak to regarding this issue.

**Comm. Hampton** asked DC Fleming-Freeman to assist her.

**DC Fleming-Freeman** stated for Ms. Roberts to speak with Cmdr. Ewing and told her that she may want to also speak with Chief Inv. Sheard of the Office of the Chief Investigator (OCI).

**T. Wilson** stated the Northwestern District Community Relations Council will be hosting a luncheon for the officers on May 17, 2008 from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. On June 14, 2008 there will be an anti-crime walk. The area is forthcoming and the men and women in blue continue to do a good job.

**DC Fleming-Freeman** stated next week is National Police Officer's week and every District will be hosting events throughout the week. Anyone can call their District to find out more information.

**S. Young** introduced several youths who were part of some of the problems for the District. Along with the help of 2<sup>nd</sup> DC Tate and the Northwestern District, today all of these young men are being mentored by the Detroit Police Department.

**R. Mark** stated she isn't getting the same results in her area and would like to get some help with the youths in her area.

**DC Fleming-Freeman** stated for her to speak with the command staff of the District after the meeting.

**N. Beatright** stated there is a big problem of vacant homes that are being vandalized in the Rosedale Park area, and she would like to get some help. She asked about the status of hiring more police officers and why is the force at an all-time low.

**DC Fleming-Freeman** stated because of attrition (retirement), there were a lot of officers that came on the force together and had enough time to retire together.

**Dir. Ducker** stated they have hired 61 police officers to date. They are currently hiring. If you know anyone who would like to be a police officer with DPD, interest cards have been placed on the table.

**2<sup>nd</sup> DC Tate** stated he is extremely proud of those young men because they have added some value to his life and he will continue to be available for them.

**S. Jackson** stated there are two appropriations before the House of Representatives; to get more money for Detroit Police Officers and across the State. They need the community to help lobby the counterparts on the other side of the isle to help support it.

**W. Calhoun** asked are there things in place that would hold the parents accountable for the crimes that their children commit.

**DC Fleming-Freeman** stated for minors, there is the parent responsibility ordinance, the parents are ticketed and the minors are as well.

**W. Calhoun** asked what about the ones who are over 17 years of age.

**DC Fleming-Freeman** stated if you are over 18, you are considered an adult. At that point, they would be considered responsible for their own actions.

**Comm. Hampton** stated you have the churches, and the parents but it takes a community to help raise them.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**DANTE' L. GOSS**  
Executive Director  
Board of Police Commissioners

**DLG/rb**